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To

Mrs Doane Pacific Ocean House

Will meet you at Oakland Ferry tomorrow evening Doane

away a while yet, as I am
still totally disabled from
performing any duty. My
Doctor, who is a very good one
I think, says that I will in
time be as sound as ever,
if I get a chance to take the
necessary means to get well.

Hope you are making the best
of the Pruisis. Expect however
that you are getting tired of
it by this time, as thick anyone
used to the prairies would
Please let me hear from you soon
and tell me the recent news.
Regards also to Major & Mrs Gordon.

Sincerely Yours
Alonso L. O'Brien.

Hutton, West Va, Sept. 28th '86.

My Dear Mrs Doane: Since I
left you it has been almost
impossible for me to write
anything like a respectable
letter, and after making plenty
of good resolutions and failing
I gave up in despair, and
waited till I got better.

Am now at home although
I spent just five months in
Arkansas. I do not know
whether it was the best place
for me or not, but the
climate was good, and I
lived very comfortably and

improved slowly, without
relapses. The Doctors are good
and the waters cure all the
ills the flesh is heir to, if
taken long enough. Several
Army Officers were there while
I was, among them Capt. McAdams
2nd Cav. and Capt. Miller, 18th Inf.

Have become almost a cit.
having been away so long from
the army, and am anxious to
brighten up our Army matters
again. I can't help but think
there is a little soldiering in
me, if I could only get in
my pins again, and bring
it out.

I found all my folks well

and busy with one thing and
another.

Have not heard any army news
but suppose you are all doing
well. Now and then I get hold
of some news, but the greater
part escapes me.

Give my kindest regards to Capt.
Doan, Robinson, Brett & Co.

The lunch was all right in
every respect, and saved me
I don't know how many trips
to poor eating stations. You
ought to have sent iron knives
and forks, but I may be
able to hand them back to you.

Am going to try to remain

Tuesday January 8th

1885

Dear Sir!

Coming now to the Understanding, how you mind it Sir! , in Regard of my Engagement as I may call it my Doing in A Troops Kitchen, I find out, that I ^{am} traveling a wrong Road (A Road, which I dare not travel ~~on to be lost~~) ~~namely~~ I can not afford, to do Work for nothing, (pleas'd but not disappointed but need money) nor am I willing to depend on a Collection of Compagnie Members, neither was I willing to take care of Hook's for Nothing — I see now plainly that I have no Claim of Money coming to me for Service I have done in A Troops Kitchen as long, as I was in there — The Fact is: I am in miserable Condition and the blame lay's all on my ~~Wife~~.

Alas! I feel thankfull to you Sir in all Respects for holding me, on your brave Hand Sir of which you have not dropt me yet up to this Minute. Thanks Sir! ever so much oblig'd to you.

Now then I have to make Living for myself some where's in Particularity I actually can not tell yet

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Thinking, by myself: I might get Government's
Employment of some kind (in line of labor) by your
kindly favor Sir, I workt a leage at any thing, I was
told of to do while engagt. in your Compt's Kitchen
Sir! But now under the present circumstances
I have to go to work on some other Place for there
is no time to loose for me

Wishing you Luck and Success in all your
Doing and that the Lord may be with thee
where ever you travel, Sir
I remaine your's quite respectfully

George Watson

per Address: Chicago Hotel, Pacific near Battery
San Francisco, Calif.

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1885

Capt. G. W. Doane
2nd Cavalry
Fort Bowie.

Arizona

gone. I hope to visit that you
will be back with me. In
less time than that, it is so
hard for me to bring myself
to a separation. For any length
of time - Mrs Thompson was
over with the baby today -
this being the first Ladies House
it has been in. Baby was
carried in the bed room &

Residia S. F.

Jan 5/88 -

My Darling Husband,

Your
postal written at
Bowie Station recd
I am sorry the
men are sick. Hope
you will keep
well. I had hoped
a letter with some
details would have
come ere this. But

the small boy - to Am as
afraid you are going to be kept
there a long time. I think I
sarcely dare think of it. - Oh, I
do most sincerely hope not.
I understand Gen Popers - camp
about sixty days - but who knows,
& even that is a dreadfully
long time. Much longer than
I had to believe, you will be

shall expect one
tomorrow, as you
write you, anticipated
being able to give
me a letter of details
on the day after -
It seems to be
seriously contemplated
at the War Department
so the papers that
to send Gen Miles
down there, in
Command - & of
course most of the
people here are
indignant at the
very idea of such
a thing, especially

put in my bed, at
Mrs Thompsons request,
as a promise to
an hastily production
of a duplicate to the
Doane Mansion.

I have had a
perfect string of
callers, every one
has been in, &
I feel that they
have all been
extremely nice &
thoughtful - I have
not gotten quite
over my troubles,
but am better. I

22^d Sept -

My dearest wife

Another letter from you
today - Have been to City and raised
300 EP on note - for 20 days - Enclosed you
a Certificate Enclosed for 25 00
which the Hotel will cash for you
have it done at once.

I enclose also another letter
from Riggs - The weather is much
warmer here than previously - excepting
that it turns cold in the evening some
days - and is foggy in the morning early
Have gotten the Quinces for the old
girl but - not the Apples - will
send for them tomorrow - am afraid
they are out of season -

His complaints of not feeling
well - has another Chinaman to help
him for a few days - I am getting
lonesome more and more - The old
Lady is more plowing than ever - and is

The old Sully wants to get away in
truck Georges and I will take him as
soon as you return.

With bushels of corn
Guns as ever
GHW

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no company for me at all -
Hope your clothes got there all
right -

The only special excitement
at the post - is Skunk Kelling - and
the perfume is frightful - they killed one
very large one - full of young ones two
nights ago - and two big ones this morning
- under the Adjutant's office there appear
to be plenty - more

The people all enquire
kindly for you

Major Gordon let me tell
that he met Mrs Swigg - in town
who spoke of you and gave the
best of reports - of how you were
getting along -

I wish you could be here
now - If you are not able to return
(that is if you are sick) toward the last of
the month - perhaps it - would be as well
for you to come home unless the weather
here gets worse - will let you know
daily - how the climate is here

27 Sept
 My darling wife

No news yet - the mails set - mixed
 evidently - weather fine - will
 send you check on 1st - no news
 of any kind old lady still pressing
 and jellings

Hope her work will be
 satisfactory - she is fussy enough
 in doing it

I am awfully tired of
 this separation and love you both
 as ever Glen